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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS STANDARD OF CARE HYPERTENSION

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
History of hypertension	Blood pressure above 220/140	Hypertensive crisis
Taking antihypertensives	and any of the following:	Eclampsia
Pregnant	Headache	Cocaine induced hypertension
Renal disease or on renal	Dizziness	
dialysis	Weakness	
Cocaine use within the last 24	Epistaxis	
hours	Blurred vision	
	Nausea, vomiting	
	Seizure	
	Altered level of consciousness	
	Routine medical care	
	for all patients	
1st Responder		
	BP > 220/140 with any	
— — — — < BLS	associated symptoms?	No → Attempt to determine cause
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	Attempt to determine cause	Pofer to appropriate
ALS	±	Refer to appropriate
	Refer to appropriate	protocol
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	Initiate IV ◀	Yes————————————————————————————————————
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	Contact medical control	No
	as necessary	
	as necessary	Transport to closest
	Consider request for	appropriate facility
	nitroglycerin	
	Transport to closest	
	appropriate facility	

NOTES:

- Be sure to obtain multiple blood pressure readings.
- Treat the patient not the blood pressure.
- When considering request for nitroglycerin, be sure to determine if patient has used Viagra or Viagra-like medications within the last 24 hours.